

RECEIVED  
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

NOV 24 2004

P A T E N T

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

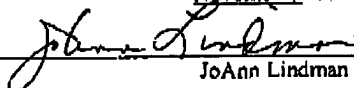
Application No.: 09/888,920 Confirmation No.: 9756  
Applicant : Thomas J. Holman et al.  
Filed : June 25, 2001  
TC/A.U. : 3763  
Examiner : Hayes, Michael  
Title : INTEGRAL HUB AND STRAIN RELIEF  
Docket No. : 1001.1181102  
Customer No. : 28075

**AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.06(d): The undersigned hereby certifies that this paper or papers, as described herein, are being facsimile transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Fax No. 703-872-9306, on this 24th day of November, 2004.

By

  
JoAnn Lindman

Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed May 26, 2004 and the subsequent Advisory Action mailed August 27, 2004, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.